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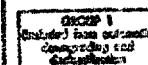
1. ON MISSION C287C BILLY DEMONSTRATED TRULY REMARKABLE ABILITY IN NAVIGATING TO AND FROM THE TARGET AREA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO GROUND CHECKPOINTS, AND IN SAFELY RECOVERING THE AIRCRAFT AT [REDACTED] WITH MINIMUM FUEL RESERVE. THE LONG DURATION OF THE MISSION AND THE ABSENCE OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS MADE THIS A DIFFICULT MISSION, ~~AND IT WAS MADE~~ ^{AND} HAZARDOUS BY THE PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN SAM SITE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE KA ERHMU ARMY GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT. DISCOVERY OF THE SITE PROVED ONCE AGAIN HOWEVER, THAT PROPERLY OPERATING DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS AND PROPERLY EXECUTED EVASIVE MANEUVERS CAN MATERIALLY REDUCE THE SAM THREAT.

2. BILLY IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER IN WHICH HE ACCOMPLISHED A MISSION OF GREAT INTELLIGENCE VALUE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE FREE WORLD.

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